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Region 9, San Francisco, California

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# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

## **Meetings and Conferences**

### **Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency**

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| Oct 19-20 | Fall RTOC                                     | Tucson, AZ | Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790  |
| Oct 21-23 | 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal/EPA Conference | Tucson, AZ | Pamela Overman, 415-972-3781 or <a href="mailto:overman.pamela@epa.gov">overman.pamela@epa.gov</a> or go to <a href="http://www.tonation-nsn.gov/epa_conference">www.tonation-nsn.gov/epa_conference</a> |

### **Sponsor: Law Seminars International**

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| Aug 6-7   | Renewable Energy in the Pacific Northwest | Seattle, WA       | 800-854-8009 |
| Aug 10    | Tax Management for Tribes                 | Cabazon, CA       | 800-854-8009 |
| Sep 14-15 | Energy in California                      | San Francisco, CA | 800-854-8009 |

### **Sponsor: American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)**

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| Oct. 29-30 | 2009 AISES National Conference and Career Fair | Portland, OR | <a href="http://www.aises.org/Events/NationalConferences/2009NationalConference">http://www.aises.org/Events/NationalConferences/2009NationalConference</a> |
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## **Trainings and Workshops**



Tribal Training Project Web Site: <http://www.petetribal.org>

### **Sponsor: American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT)**

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| <br>Aug 18 | Environmental and Health Consequences of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories | Pala, CA           | <a href="http://www.trainex.org/MethLab">http://www.trainex.org/MethLab</a> or contact Libby Vianu, 415-947-4391 or <a href="mailto:vianu.libby@epa.gov">vianu.libby@epa.gov</a> |
| <br>Aug 27 | Same as above   | Rancho Cordova, CA | Same as above  |

### **Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency**

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| Aug 20    | Clean Water Act Tribal Workshop | San Francisco, CA | Ann Murphy, 415-972-3640 or <a href="mailto:murphy.ann@epa.gov">murphy.ann@epa.gov</a>   |
| <br>Sep 2 | Green Casinos Workshop          | Placerville, CA   | <a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training/casino-reg.html">http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training/casino-reg.html</a> or call Tina Davis, 415-972-3784 or <a href="mailto:davis.tina@epa.gov">davis.tina@epa.gov</a> |

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| Sep 29-Oct 1 | National Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Workshop for Tribes | TBD, Southern California | <a href="http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/2009/tevent0916.html">http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/2009/tevent0916.html</a> or contact <a href="mailto:eastman.tiffany@epa.gov">eastman.tiffany@epa.gov</a> |
| Oct 22 or 23 | QA training and consultation for tribes at annual conference           | Tucson, AZ               | E. McNaughton, 415-972-3411, or <a href="mailto:mcnaughton.eugenia@epa.gov">mcnaughton.eugenia@epa.gov</a>  |

### 2009-2010 Tribal Web Training

The following are a series of web casts for tribes:

Summer 2009\* Introduction to Section 106 of the CWA Grants for Pollution Control Programs  
The web casts for the Introduction to Section 319 of the CWA Nonpoint Source (NPS) Management Programs will be as follows:

Session 2 – Aug. 12 -1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (eastern)

Session 3 – Sept. 9 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (eastern)

Session 4: Early spring 2010, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (eastern)

\*Final date to be determined. Check [www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html](http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html) for updates.

### Sponsor: U.S. Institute Training Sessions, Fall 2009

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| Sep 15-16  | Introduction to Managing Environmental Conflict    | Washington, D.C. | <a href="http://www.ecr.gov/AnnouncementsEvents/Fall2009TrainingSessions.aspx">http://www.ecr.gov/AnnouncementsEvents/Fall2009TrainingSessions.aspx</a> or <a href="http://www.ecr.gov">www.ecr.gov</a> |
| Nov. 10-11 | Interest-Based Negotiation of Environmental Issues | Washington, D.C. | Same as above   |

### Sponsor: EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

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| Aug 4-6 | CST 309 Advance Inspector Course | San Francisco, CA | <a href="http://www.netionline.com">www.netionline.com</a> |
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This 3-day course, designed for inspectors with at least 3 years of experience, provides discussion, demonstrations, and practice in specific skills, such as information research, digital camera usage, interviewing, report writing, lab fraud, courtroom testimony/evidence, and other topical issues.

There is no cost to attend the training. NETI is a part of the Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at [aldridge.zena@epa.gov](mailto:aldridge.zena@epa.gov) or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to [www.netionline.com](http://www.netionline.com)

### Sustainable Infrastructure Workshops

EPA and the California Rural Water Association are offering a series of free Sustainable Infrastructure workshops throughout California. The dates and locations can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waterinfrastructure/docs/Sustainable-Infrastructure-2009.pdf>. For more information, contact Charlotte Ely, 415-972-3731 or [ely.charlotte@epa.gov](mailto:ely.charlotte@epa.gov)

### Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program has released the 2009 training catalog that includes detailed descriptions of ITEP air quality training courses, activities and services. To view the schedule, go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu), or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

### Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov)

## **Grants and Loans**



### **Stimulus funds for tribal water projects**

American Indian and Alaska Native communities are set to receive \$90 million in stimulus funds for water and wastewater projects. The following is a sample of where the money is going:

Alaska — \$3,918,750 for the Native Village of Buckland for a lift station, sewer and force main, serving 105 homes

Arizona — \$1.14 million to the San Carlos Apache Tribe for regional water system improvements, serving 1,055 homes

California — \$6,371,470 to the Tule River Tribe for a wastewater treatment plant, serving 268 homes

Kansas — \$55,000 to Kickapoo Tribe to rehabilitate tanks, serving 200 homes

Michigan — \$190,600 to the Bay Mills Indian Community for pumphouse upgrades, serving 153 homes

Montana—\$1,033,610 to the Crow Tribe for the first phase of a sewer lagoon, serving 564 homes.

New Mexico — \$991,700 to the Mescalero Apache Tribe for a windmill water main, serving 612 homes

New York — \$349,000 to the St. Regis Mohawk Indians for water treatment plant upgrades, serving 1,146 homes

North Carolina — \$442,700 to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to repair a leaking storage tank, serving 1,826 homes

South Dakota — \$1,010,300 to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for backwash piping, serving 549 homes

Utah — \$139,000 to the Ute Indian Tribe to restore an old lagoon site, serving 70 homes

Washington — \$1,052,100 to Lummi Tribe for a water main, serving 1,053 homes.

### **Grants.gov**

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for awards. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### **Rural Development's Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program**

Rural Development's B&I Guaranteed Loan Program has received approximately \$3 billion under Division I, Title A, of the Recovery Act to provide additional funds to lenders in connection with our program's purpose to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This will be achieved by bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans which will provide lasting community benefits. We have funds available under this authority through September 30, 2010. See <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/arra/recovery-program.htm> for additional details.

## U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



### **Reducing Childhood Lead Poisoning**

EPA requests proposals for Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning. This RFP will support activities to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in vulnerable populations. \$1 million is expected to be available and up to 20 awards are anticipated. Responses are due August 14. For more information, including regional contacts, go to: <http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/rfp20090513.pdf>. For more information or if you cannot access the links, contact Dave Tomsovic, US EPA Region IX, Toxics Office, Lead Paint Program, 415-972-3858 or email [Tomsovic.david@epa.gov](mailto:Tomsovic.david@epa.gov)

### **Exploring Linkages between Health Outcomes and Environmental Hazards, Exposures, and Interventions for Public Health Tracking and Risk Management**

EPA is seeking applications to develop new or improved environmental public health indicators (EPHIs) to build linkages between environmental hazards, human exposures, and public health outcomes. The aim of the research is to develop indicators that can be used for long-term tracking and surveillance of environmental public health, making better informed decisions, and assessing the actual impacts of environmental risk management decisions. Proposed projects should capitalize on existing knowledge bases, data sources, or cohorts to develop EPHIs that reflect a better understanding of the relationships between environmental conditions, human exposure, and/or public health outcomes. The award will be either in a grant or cooperative agreement; five regular awards and two early career awards are anticipated. There will be approximately \$3 million total for all awards. See full announcement for more details: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009\\_star\\_ephi.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009_star_ephi.html)

### **California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)**

Cal/EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program is now accepting applications for a third round of funding. \$250,000 will be available during this grant cycle, with each project qualifying for a maximum of \$20,000. Projects that will be considered are those that enhance meaningful public participation; promote community-capacity building; collaborate with academia and/or other government agencies to document data related to exposure and health complaints; promote community involvement in climate change emission reduction processes and programs; and continue to expand previous successful projects. Eligible applicants are limited to non-profit entities or federally recognized tribal governments. Grants under this program will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applications to the program must be received by August 5, 2009. Cal/EPA plans to announce the grant awards in September 2009. For more information and to obtain an application package, please visit the Cal/EPA Environmental Justice website at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/>. Applications can also be requested by writing to: Office of the Secretary, Cal/EPA EJ Small Grants Program, 1001 "I" Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, or contacting Malinda Dumisani, at 916.445.9480.

### **Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants**

EPA is providing more than \$1.5 million for ten Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants. Funding will provide information, training, tools, and technical assistance to brownfields stakeholders to support brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revitalization. Each assistance project will receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in annual funding for up to five years. For more information, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according

to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

## **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

### **USDA Rural Development:**

The objectives of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program are to (a) reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas and (b) improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Rural areas are defined as any area not in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000, according to the latest decennial census of the United States. Tribes, academic institutions and nonprofits are eligible. The grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

## **Other Available Grants**

### **Greening High Schools**

The Student Conservation Association requests proposals for the Green Your School Contest. This is a national competition that awards projects that have, or will, improve the environmental health of the school. \$10K is available and three awards are anticipated. Responses are due October 9. For more info, go to: <http://www.thesca.org/green-your-school>.

### **Local Educational Agencies**

The purpose of this grant is to develop and enhance the understanding of cooperative business through education and practical experience. Special emphasis is directed toward programs designed to promote agriculture, cooperative business and rural America. This grant is funded by the CHS Foundation and local educational agencies are encouraged to apply. Applications accepted from until October 1, 2009. For more information go to: <http://www.chsfoundation.org/newgrantapply.html>

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**Native American Housing Block Grant (IHBG) – \$255 million nationally (formula portion)**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will competitively award \$242 million for Native American grants later this year. For information on eligible activities, award processing, expenditure requirements, and allocations to specific tribal organizations, please visit <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>

**Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program**

The Water and Environmental Program (WEP) provides a combination of loans, grants, and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. For more information, go to:

<http://www.indiancountryworks.org/file/Rural%20Water%20and%20Waste%20Disposal%20Program%2002-27-09%20FINAL.pdf> or call Tedd Buelow, 202-690-1681, [tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov) or Sandi Boughton, 202, 720-1681m [sandi.boughton@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:sandi.boughton@wdc.usda.gov)

**Economic Development**

The U.S. Department of Commerce requests proposals for Economic Development Assistance Grants in the following program areas: Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Proposals accepted through September 30. For more information, go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42952>.

**Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)**

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to “Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection”. Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines, are available on the WCB's Web page. [http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral\\_project.asp](http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp)

**California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from CIWMB for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316.

**California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

**California's Changing Climate**

California has ambitious plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions, but the state also needs an integrated policy to prepare for and adapt to climate change. Some institutions, such as water agencies and electrical utilities, have already begun planning for change but other areas have yet to prepare effectively for the challenges of a changing California. To read more about these changes, go to: [http://www.ppica.org/content/pubs/report/R\\_1108LBR.pdf](http://www.ppica.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf)



### **Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers**

This Web site provides a wealth of information on green technology, training resources, and projects in Indian Country. Additional resources include: nationwide listings of Native Chambers of Commerce, Urban Indian Centers, and Tribal Colleges as well as green Native businesses, green grants for tribes, green tribal news and links to other Native environmental organizations. See Native Workplace at [www.NativeWorkplace.com](http://www.NativeWorkplace.com). For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. [info@nativeworkplace.com](mailto:info@nativeworkplace.com)

### **Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Releases Northwest Tribal Energy Planning Guidebook**

With funding provided by the Bullitt Foundation, Northwest SEED just released a new tool to help Native American tribes develop a plan to achieve energy independence. Energy Planning: A Guide for Northwest Indian Tribes contains information and resources to help select and implement projects to conserve energy, generate clean renewable energy, and construct efficient and environmentally friendly buildings, and other energy-related community or business projects. For more information or to obtain a copy of the guide, contact Leslie Moynihan, 206-267-2215 or [leslie@nwseed.org](mailto:leslie@nwseed.org)

### **Toxics Release Inventory**

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule, have been published and is available online at: <http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive Web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at: <http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or [martha.keating@duke.edu](mailto:martha.keating@duke.edu)

### **Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities**

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / [milbourn.cathy@epa.gov](mailto:milbourn.cathy@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

### **Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs**

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance**

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government*

Operations which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

#### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

#### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

## **Employment Opportunities**



#### **Yurok Tribe Environmental Program (YTEP)**

YTEP currently has the following four open positions:

Environmental Specialist: NEPA Compliance

Environmental Specialist NHPA Compliance /Archeology

Environmental Specialist: Data Management

Environmental Specialist: Environmental Health/Toxicology/Pesticides

Job descriptions and instructions on how to apply are at:

<http://www.yuroktribe.org/departments/personell/announcements.htm>

For more information, please contact Kathleen Sloan, 707-482-1822, ext. 204 or

[ksloan@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:ksloan@yuroktribe.nsn.us)



#### **Harvard University Native American Program**

Contact this university for internships, scholarships, fellowships, grant, and career opportunities as well as announcements for conferences, workshops and symposia. Mailing address: Harvard University Native American Program, 14 Story Street, 4th Floor, Suite 400, Cambridge, MA 02138 or call 617-495-4923, FAX: 617-496-3312; Email: [hunap@harvard.edu](mailto:hunap@harvard.edu) WEB: [www.hunap.harvard.edu](http://www.hunap.harvard.edu) –



#### **Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (U.S. Institute),**

The U.S. Institute seeks an individual with knowledge, expertise, and life experience with Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian cultures and governments as well as experience with collaborative decision making, consensus-building, problem-solving, and conflict resolution. For more information, contact Olivia Montes, [montes@ecr.gov](mailto:montes@ecr.gov) or go to [www.ecr.gov](http://www.ecr.gov). Deadline is August 15.

#### **Research and Media Specialist, American Indian College Fund**

The primary responsibilities are to manage the Fund's research and story-gathering process and multimedia including the web site and social media sites, and to assist in the coordination and production of content for public education materials. The position is open until filled. For more information, contact Gina Del Castillo, 303-430-5340 or [gdelcastillo@collegefund.org](mailto:gdelcastillo@collegefund.org) or go to [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)





### **Information Management Specialist**

The National Congress of American Indians has an opening for a full-time Information Management Specialist in Washington, D.C. Incumbent will work with the Communication Team to coordinate communication with external web site providers; develop and implement, with team input, the processes, policies and procedures for information management and support NCAI events in the area of information management and technology. This is a salaried position that offers competitive salary and benefits (including health benefits, 401(k) plan, vacation time, etc.). Salary to be determined based on experience. For more information on how to apply, go to <http://www.ncai.org/>

### **Clean Water Program Manager for the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians**

The EPA Clean Water Act Sec.106 Water Pollution Control Program at the La Jolla Indian Reservation has a vacancy for a Clean Water Program Manager who will be responsible for running the EPA CWA-Sec.106 program that will protect the surface water quality, the environment, and the residents of the La Jolla Indian Reservation. This position reports to the Environmental Director; it will be open until filled. For more information, contact the La Jolla Band of Indians – 22000 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, CA, 92061, 760-742-3790 x311; [ljollagis@yahoo.com](mailto:ljollagis@yahoo.com).

### **Census 2010**

The US Census Bureau is currently seeking to fill American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Partnership Assistant positions in Central and Southern California. Applicants must pass a 28 question timed exam, a standard background check, be 18 years of age or older and have reliable transportation. These are temporary positions and all positions are part time. For more information contact Eric Sanchez, 818-510-5486, [eric.a.sanchez@census.gov](mailto:eric.a.sanchez@census.gov) or go to [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_4771773\\_apply-part-time-job-government.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4771773_apply-part-time-job-government.html)

### **Opening for an Environmental Specialist**

The Tohono O'odham Nation Environmental Protection Office is accepting applications for the position of Environmental Specialist under the Brownfields Program. This position will be open until filled. More information is at [http://www.tonation-nsn.gov/job\\_announcements.aspx](http://www.tonation-nsn.gov/job_announcements.aspx) listed under the Department of Public Safety. If you have any questions, contact Lorinda Sam, 520-383-8113 or [lorinda.sam@tonation-nsn.gov](mailto:lorinda.sam@tonation-nsn.gov).

### **Environmental Program Coordinator, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc (ITCA)**

ITCA has an opening for an environmental coordinator who will be responsible to develop and implement environmental program activities to assist tribal environmental programs in providing a healthy and safe environment for tribal communities. This position is opened until filled. For more information, contact Bette Hartsfield, ITCA, 602-307-1987 or [bettehartsfield@itcaonline.com](mailto:bettehartsfield@itcaonline.com).

### **Executive Director, Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC)**

Under the general supervision of the NAEPC Board of Directors President, the Executive Director will perform all administrative duties related to, but not limited to, overseeing the coordination of all grants administered by NAEPC for compliance with all regulations and objectives of each work plan. The Executive Director will report to the NAEPC Board of Directors concerning the status of all current grants; establish and maintain effective working relationships and communications with the NAEPC Board of Directors, Tribal Chairpersons, Councils, Environmental and Administrative personnel. The Executive Director will communicate frequently with Federal, State, Local government, and agency personnel, coordinate the management of problem solving, grant funds planning, property inventory, employee recruitment, training, termination, and the implementation of policies. For additional information on the position and full description of requirements please visit <http://www.naepec.com/announcements.html> Resumes may be sent via fax to 951-296-5109 or email to [tribalenvironmental@yahoo.com](mailto:tribalenvironmental@yahoo.com). Please contact the NAEPC office at 951-296-5595 for additional information.

### **Environmental Positions**

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applicants for two senior environmental specialists and one environmental engineer. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to [www.nndpm.navajo.org](http://www.nndpm.navajo.org) or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at [charlenenelson@navajo.org](mailto:charlenenelson@navajo.org).

### **Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe**

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto [www.yuroktribe.org](http://www.yuroktribe.org) or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

## **Tribal outreach, review and comment**

### **National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)**

NPIC offers a toll-free number staffed by knowledgeable specialists seven days/week from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm PST. NPIC has real-time access to current, in depth information for a national audience. NPIC addresses questions in multiple languages such as Navajo, Cherokee, Ojibway and many more. For any question regarding pesticides, please call toll free 800-858-7378 for visit [www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu).

### **Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)**

ITRC is a state-led coalition working with industry and stakeholders to achieve regulatory acceptance of environmental technologies. It consists of 50 states, the District of Columbia, multiple federal partners, industry participants, and other stakeholders cooperating to break down barriers and reduce compliance costs, to make it easier to use new technologies, and help states maximize resources. It is currently seeking tribal representation. For more information, call Eugenia McNaughton, 415-972-3411 or Joe Eidelberg at 415-972-3809 or go to <http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp>

### **Sources of Exposure to Lead in Children and Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning in America**

The Federal Government banned the use of lead-based paint in housing in 1978. The total number of children who are lead poisoned each year has significantly declined since then. National policies over recent decades (banning use of leaded gasoline and lead-based paint in housing and consumer products) greatly reduced exposure to lead and thus lead poisoning in children in the US. A research paper in the journal "Environmental Health Perspectives" evaluated numerous sources which can contribute to lead exposure and childhood lead poisoning: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/lead/EHP-lead.pdf> - Achieving the national strategic goal of substantially eliminating childhood lead poisoning as a major health threat in the US by 2010 requires maintenance of current efforts (especially programs addressing lead-based paint) and developing intervention strategies/tools to prevent exposure before children are lead poisoned. For more information: Dave Tomsovic, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-972-3858.

### **Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit Help Line**

EPA designed the RDEE Toolkit Help Line to assist state and local governments in deploying ARRA energy efficiency funding in a successful, sustainable manner by having a go-to resource for RDEE questions. Call 866-602-7333 or email [RDEE@icfi.com](mailto:RDEE@icfi.com) to receive a response to your inquiry within one business day. The RDEE Toolkit was developed through a joint effort of EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), with technical input from the Leadership Group of the National Action Plan on Energy Efficiency. For more information about the Toolkit and to access the Planning Guide, visit: [www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee\\_toolkit.html](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee_toolkit.html). All questions related to funding provided

by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act should be directed to DOE:  
[www.eere.energy.gov/recovery](http://www.eere.energy.gov/recovery) or 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463).

### **Ensuring health and safety from potential asbestos hazards in schools (grades K-12).**

Asbestos, a naturally-occurring mineral, is used in building materials due to its heat- and fire-resistant properties. For information on the asbestos-in-schools program go to: <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/> or contact: Ron Tsuchiya, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-947-4168, or email [tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov](mailto:tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov)

### **Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Public Data**

EPA released the 2007 data on toxic chemicals released to air, water, and land. The Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act requires that certain facilities report the amounts of toxic chemicals disposed of or otherwise released on-site to air, water, land, and underground injection, and the amounts of chemicals transferred off-site for disposal annually to EPA. In addition to the data, EPA Region 9 provides analyses for each Region 9 state, US Pacific Islands, and the border region, which ranks facilities and chemicals in those areas. The data helps increase access to information for tribes and the public on chemicals released in their communities. The Region 9 TRI data and press releases are at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/> and the national web site is at <http://www.epa.gov/tri> or contact: Mariela Lopez, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-972-3771 or [lopez.mariela@epa.gov](mailto:lopez.mariela@epa.gov).

### **Tribal Pesticide Issues**

Do you have questions about pesticides that are being used on your reservation for agriculture or to control pests in and around homes? Are pesticides being sold in your community? Do you think that water or other resources are being impacted by pesticide use? Are there other pesticide issues on your reservation that concern you? If you have these or other questions about pesticides, contact Pam Cooper, Manager, Region 9 Pesticides Office at 415-947-4217 or e-mail [cooper.pam@epa.gov](mailto:cooper.pam@epa.gov).

### **The Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP)**

SNAMP is an effort to gather independent scientific data on the effects of forest thinning for fire protection as done by the US Forest Service. There are two study sites; a southern one near Oakhurst off Hwy 41, and a northern one near Tahoe. The study focuses specifically on the ongoing conflicts over forest fuels management in the Sierra Nevada National Forests and the controversial Record of Decision 2004 (ROD) that establishes the current legal boundaries for management prescriptions in the Sierra Nevada's. Scientists from the University of California will take baseline measurements before thinning treatments and after to quantify any adverse effects. The data will be used to advise and hopefully improve the process in the future. There will be annual meetings and regular Integration Team meetings and the public will be encouraged to attend. A mailing list and a Web site at <http://snamp.cnr.berkeley.edu> will have all of SNAMP's activities. For more information, contact Anne Lombardo at 209-966-2417 or email [amlombardo@ucdavis.edu](mailto:amlombardo@ucdavis.edu).

### **Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazardous Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

## **Web sites for tribal programs and federal programs**

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP-OnlineTribalUserGuide.pdf>

[http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP\\_Online/](http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/)  
[www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)  
<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>  
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>  
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com>  
<http://www.doi.gov/bia>  
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/>  
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>

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